



Things to consider when selecting candidates for the

Cass County Youth Commission

What is the Cass County Youth Commission? The Cass County Youth Commission program is a county-wide educational and leadership program for high school-aged youth. The program was developed by county government leaders to teach youth about local government, develop leadership skills and encourage youth to serve their schools and be engaged in their communities. The program was developed to encourage youth to be civically engaged and provide an opportunity for young people to have a voice in shaping the future of the communities where they live and the county. Our mission statement is “The purpose of the Cass County Commission is to empower potential young leaders in county government and enable them to take an active role in their community.”

What can members of the Cass County Youth Commission expect to learn? Members will meet once a month from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. These days are filled with presentations by various departments within Cass County Government, a leadership activity, and a business meeting. The youth form a Commission, elect officers, form various committees, select a charity, set a fundraising goal and spend the year planning various activities to raise money towards that goal.

What kind of events have been put on by past Youth Commissions? Past events include various themed dances, rodeo dance, charity concert and battle of the bands. Other activities often include raffle ticket sales, sponsorship and door prize solicitation and Salvation Army bell ringing.

What kind of time commitment is expected from members of the Cass County Youth Commission? Attendance at the monthly meetings is mandatory unless you have an academic or family commitment that cannot be changed. In addition to the monthly meetings, members are expected to participate in planned events, fundraising activities, etc. as much as possible, again, unless academic or family commitments prevent your attendance. There may be additional committee meetings necessary to plan and organize events as well.

- **Students must be entering their Sophomore, Junior or Senior year in high school.**
- **Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA**
- **The criteria of diverse representation, commitment, enthusiasm, desire to serve the community, and leadership skills should be considered.**
- **To successfully complete the Cass County Youth Commission program, a participant MUST complete a total of 30 hours of participation through: 1) attending all sessions & graduation and 2) completing assigned hours participating in planning & putting on an event during the year.**
- **A Students' involvement in other non-school activities should not prevent them from attending CCYC meetings or prevent their participation in CCYC events. If they are involved in a number of extracurricular activities, this program may not be the best fit for them.**